



INL filling key roles at ANS Winter Meeting

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After months of planning, Idaho National Laboratory leaders are now focusing on the successful staging of this year's American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting and Expo Nov. 9-13 in Reno, Nev.

David Hill, INL deputy laboratory director for Science and Technology, is general chairman for the conference. With the theme, "Nuclear Power – Ready, Steady, Go," the weeklong event is expected to attract more than 1,100 participants.

"As the Department of Energy's nuclear energy laboratory, it just made sense for INL to accept leadership responsibilities for this meeting – especially since it's being held here in the West," Hill said. "What's more, INL has made important strides in nuclear science and engineering, as well as in the area of enabling research infrastructure this year, and it's important that we share that with the broader national and international research communities."

In addition to chairing the meeting, Hill is speaking as part of a panel discussion Nov. 10 on the pace and direction of the Advanced Fuel Recycle Research Program.

Another special session addresses "Research Highlights Using Advanced Fuel Cycle Technologies" on the evening of Nov. 11. INL panel participants include Phillip Finck, associate laboratory director for Nuclear Energy Science and Technology; Brent Dixon, Advanced Nuclear Energy Systems Integration engineer; and Jon Carnack, Fuel Performance and Design engineer. Dozens of other INL researchers will participate in similar technical sessions throughout the conference.

Supporting Hill in organizing some of the high-visibility sessions for the conference are assistant general chairs, Harold McFarlane, Betsy Connell and Teri Ehresman. Other INL employees assisting are Cindie Jensen, special events/spouse hospitality chair and Lou Riepl, media coordination chair.

INL is also staging a series of exhibits during the concurrent ANS Nuclear Technology Expo. Representatives from several organizations will share information on INL-related programs during the expo.

In a related development of interest to INL and the nation's nuclear energy communities, ANS in late October announced the appointment of its new executive director. Jack Tuohy was selected following an extensive executive search process.

"As an international organization dedicated to promoting the safe and beneficial uses of nuclear science, engineering and technology in everyday life, the American Nuclear Society required a combination of vision, scientific expertise and management excellence in its director," said Bill Burchill, the society's president. "Jack has just this combination. His wealth of experience in industry and education, track record of management success and commitment to the advancement of nuclear science, engineering and technology throughout the world will be valued assets in our efforts to communicate effectively with our membership, policymakers and the public."

Tuohy joins the American Nuclear Society following a 38-year career in corporate management, consulting, academia and nuclear engineering. Most recently, he served as director of nuclear technology for Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd.

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